

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 18 are pending in the application and the Examiner objected to claims 2-5, 8-11, and 14-17, and rejected claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 18.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-5, 8-11, and 14-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Specifically, the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1; the limitations of claim 8 have been incorporated into claim 7; and the limitations of claim 14 have been incorporated into claim 13. Additional non-substantive claim amendments have been made to improve the form of the claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

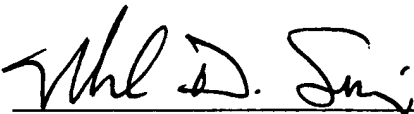
Conclusion

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An

early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted

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